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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST  
THE PRESIDENT IS PICTURED GREETING BELGIANS AND SIGNING THE DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC PRINCIPLES WITH YOU LOOKING ON, ON THE FRONT PAGE. MURREY MARDER SAYS THE PRESIDENT GOT A SATISFYING DISPLAY OF SUPPORT FOR DETENTE DIPLOMACY THAT WILL BE TESTED AGAIN TODAY. BOTH YOU AND THE PRESIDENT ASSURED THE ALLIES THAT OUR INTERESTS ARE MUTUAL AND WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE IS COVERED AT SOME LENGTH, PARTICULARLY YOUR DENIAL OF A LOOPHOLE IN THE 1972 SUMMIT ACCORDS. THOMAS ROSS CONTENDS YOUR SIGNATURE HAS BEEN FOUND ON NSDM 252, WHICH ORDERS A CLOSING OF THE LOOPHOLE IN THE 1972 AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS, DESPITE YOUR INSISTENCE YESTERDAY THAT THE ISSUE NEVER REACHED YOUR DESK. YOU REPORTEDLY WERE CONFRONTED WITH THE DOCUMENT MONDAY AT CLOSED-DOOR HEARINGS BEFORE SENATOR JACKSON'S ARMS CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE AND EXPLAINED THAT YOU ONLY LOOK AT SUCH DIRECTIVES WHEN THERE IS A CONFLICT IN GOVERNMENT OVER THEM. JACKSON'S SOURCES SAID THE ISSUE APPEARED TO HAVE GRAVE IMPLICATIONS AS TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S OBLIGATION TO KEEP CONGRESS INFORMED. AT CONTENTION IS WHETHER YOU AND THE PRESIDENT MADE BILATERAL INTERPRETATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE NUMBERS OF SLBMS ALLOWED ABOUT WHICH CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED. YOU REPORTEDLY INSISTED THERE NEVER WAS ANY REAL DANGER THE SOVIETS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOOPHOLE. (A-3)  
THOMAS O'TOOLE COVERS THE CONTRACT SIGNING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL AND EGYPT FOR THE URANIUM FUEL FOR THE POWER PLANTS AGREED TO DURING THE MIDEAST TRIP. UNUSUAL SPEED OF CONFIRMATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED BECAUSE OF PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST AND CONCERN THAT THE FRENCH OR SOVIETS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITHOUT THE SAME SAFEGUARDS. (A-7)  
DOUGLAS RAMSEY REPORTS THE PREEMINENT CONCERNS OF ALLIED LEADERS

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WERE ECONOMIC, NOT POLITICAL. OBSERVERS INTERPRET CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S REMARKS, IN PARTICULAR, AS A SIGN OF MILD DISPLEASURE THAT THE NEW ATLANTIC DECLARATION DID NOT PUT GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE NEED TO SOLVE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AS A PRELUDE TO DETENTE.

(A-3)

ROBERT KAISER PROFILES BREZHNEV ON THE EVE OF THE SUMMIT AS A MAN WHO HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE WEST AND WHO MADE THE WEST TAKE THE SOVIET UNION SERIOUSLY. (A-9)

ARTHUR COX HOPES THAT YOU AND THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE DETERRED BY DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS FROM PURSUING ANY SERIOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGOTIATING GENUINELY BALANCED STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS. THE CONCERN THAT THE SOVIETS WILL DEVELOP A SUPERIORITY IN MIRVS OVERLOOKS THE FACT THAT THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ONLY IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 1977 AND BOTH SIDES ALREADY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO DESTROY EACH OTHER. SENATOR JACKSON'S PROPOSALS DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MIRV GAP, NOR DOES HE BELIEVE THAT MIRVS ARE VERIFYABLE, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER DOES. (A-18)

JOSEPH KRAFT ASKS WHERE THE CONSERVATIVE OUTRAGE IS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S LIBELING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY APPARATUS. CHARLES COLSON'S PRESENT STORIES HAVE A RING OF TRUTH ABOUT THEM. THEY FIT THE BASIC WHITE-HOUSE-CUM-HENRY-KISSINGER ARGUMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS A PEACE LOVER NOW BEING THWARTED, NOT TO SAY MARTYRED, BY HEADLINES. THE SCENARIO IS PERFIDIOUS NONSENSE. BOTH MR. COLBY AND ADMIRAL MOORER DID WHAT THEY THOUGHT WERE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE U.S. THE CONSERVATIVES SHOULD RISE TO THEIR DEFENSE, BUT THEY AREN'T. THAT ONLY LEAVES THE SUPREME COURT TO UNLOAD A PRESIDENT WHO HAS ASSAULTED EVERY CANON OF THE POLITICAL ORDER. (A-19)

MICHAEL KERNAN PREVIEWS DICK CAVETT'S SHOW TONIGHT WHICH HAS THREE FORMER OFFICIALS DEBATING THE CIA. RAY CLINE, ASKED IF THE PRESIDENT AND YOU WOULD HAVE MADE GOOD SPIES, SAID YOU BOTH APPEAR INCLINED TOWARD THE COVERT AND SECRET AND THAT YOU PROBABLY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BE THE CIA DIRECTOR. (B-13)

JACK ANDERSON QUOTES CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT REPORTS PREPARED FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY THAT SOME NATO LEADERS BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT WILL GIVE MORE AWAY THAN HE GAINS AT THE SUMMIT AND HAS ALREADY SIGNED AWAY THE WESTERN MILITARY ADVANTAGE. THEY ALSO ARE SUSPICIOUS OF DETENTE, WHICH THE SOVIETS THINK WILL ACHIEVE POLITICAL RECOGNITION BY THE WEST OF THE SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE WHILE SECURING AS MUCH ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL BENEFIT AS POSSIBLE. THE REPORTS ALSO SAY THE PRESIDENT NEEDS A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE TO COUNTER DOMESTIC ISSUES. THE U.S. DOCTRINE THAT "NUCLEAR ATTACK WOULD BE MET BY WHATEVER SCALE OF LAUNCH THE CIRCUMSTANCES DEMANDED" IS DESCRIBED AS DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH POLITICAL REALITY. AND THE NATO LEADERS WERE ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE BALANCE OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT IN EUROPE. (F-11)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BERNARD GWERTZMAN WRITES THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO MOSCOW

COMES AT A TIME WHEN HIS POLICY OF SEEKING REDUCED TENSIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAS WON WIDE SUPPORT, BUT THE SPECIFIC STEPS TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL HAVE RUN INTO OPPOSITION. THIS SEEMING PARADOX HAS BECOME A SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION FOR YOU, HAVING FOUND THE CONGRESS AND INFLUENTIAL SECTORS OF PUBLIC OPINION PLEASED WITH THE COURSE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, BUT RELUCTANT TO MAKE THE COMMITMENTS THAT, IN YOUR VIEW, ARE NEEDED TO MAKE SUCH A COURSE MORE DURABLE. (A-1)

THE BRUSSELS NATO MEETING REPORTEDLY WAS ALSO A MAKESHIFT SUMMIT FOR MANY OF EUROPE'S NEW LEADERS. BETWEEN THE SPEECHES AND CEREMONIES, THEY HAD BILATERAL MEETINGS ON MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS. WEST GERMANY'S NEW CHANCELLOR, IN PARTICULAR, EMPHASIZED AT EVERY ENCOUNTER THAT THE ISSUES OF INFLATION, CURRENCY, AND EMPLOYMENT WERE UPPERMOST. (A-17)

FEDERAL JUDGE GERHARD BESELL MADE PUBLIC THE LIST OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION WITNESSES IN THE WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" TRIAL. THE NAMES INCLUDED YOU, GENERAL HAIG, LEONARD GARMENT, AND GEORGE SHULTZ.

WILLIAM SAFIRE'S ESSAY, ENTITLED "UNDER THE SUMMIT," SAID IN PART THAT THE MOST DELICATE AND PROFOUND NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, PASSING ANOTHER MILESTONE AT THE THIRD U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT, HAVE NOT BEEN THE DEALINGS BETWEEN MR. NIXON AND MR. BREZHNEV. THEY HAVE BEEN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MR. NIXON AND YOU, WHOSE DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH HAVE RARELY SURFACED, BUT WHICH MAY EXPLAIN SOME OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST MONTH AND MUCH OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT WEEK. SAFIRE CLOSES HIS ESSAY BY STATING THAT AS A RESULT OF THE NIXON-KISSINGER NEGOTIATIONS, THE PRESIDENT COMES TO MOSCOW WITH SLOPPY ERASURES ALL OVER HIS POSITION PAPERS BUT IN A CURIOUSLY STRONG POSITION. THANKS TO YOUR SUPREME MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY, MR. NIXON ONCE AGAIN ENTERS MOSCOW ON A NOTE OF TRIUMPH; THANKS TO YOUR OVER-REACTION AT SALZBURG, THE PRESIDENT ONCE AGAIN IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY IN CONTROL OF THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. HE WILL HAVE THE PLUME OF DETENTE IN EASTERN WINDOWS, BUT HE IS LESS LIKELY TO ACT AS IF THE "STRUGGLE NAUGHT AVAILETH." (FULL TEXT TO FOLLOW)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ADAM CLYMER COVERS YOUR NEWS CONFERENCE OF YESTERDAY, SAYING YOU WERE PESSIMISTIC ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVING MUCH PROGRESS IN THE UPCOMING SUMMIT. CLYMER SAID YOU SPOKE SKEPTICALLY ABOUT THE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING MAJOR PROGRESS ON MIRVs, ALTHOUGH YOUR LANGUAGE WAS NOT CATEGORICAL. YOUR WORDS SUGGESTED TO SOME OBSERVERS, ACCORDING TO CLYMER, THAT NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT THE RATE OF DEPLOYMENT MIGHT CONCENTRATE ON WHICH SPECIFIC MISSILES MIGHT BE EQUIPPED WITH THE MULTI-WARHEADS. (A-1)

MICHAEL PARKS SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PUSHING ITS FUEL WITH CHINA INTO THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING AS A MAJOR AND COMPLICATING FACTOR. MOSCOW HAS SOUGHT TO CALL ATTENTION TO MOUNTAINED TENSIONS ALONG ITS BORDER WITH CHINA AND TO RAISE THE

PROSPECT OF RENEVED HOSTILITIES THERE. PARKS SAYS THE BASIC QUESTION BEING PUT TO THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE: WITH WHOM WOULD AMERICA SIDE IN A MAJOR SINO-SOVIET CLASH? PARKS THINKS THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO TELL THE PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH IN MORE VEILED TERMS THAN THIS, THAT PROTESTATIONS OF NEUTRALITY IN A SERIOUS SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION ARE NEITHER ACCEPTABLE NOR REALISTIC. IF THE QUESTION WERE POSED AS DIRECTLY AS THIS TO THE PRESIDENT, IT WOULD PLACE THE U.S. IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE CORNER OF THE BIG-POWER TRIANGLE, FOR THE PRESIDENT, SAYS PARKS, HAS PUT MUCH EMPHASIS ON IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PEKING AS WELL AS WITH MOSCOW. (A-1)

DEAN MILLS ASSERTS THAT THE RELEASE OF THE GUERRILLAS FROM KHARTOUM TO CAIRO HAS THREATENED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EGYPT. MILLS SAYS BECAUSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE GUERRILLAS IN CAIRO REMAINED UNCLEAR, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE PUBLICLY CAUTIOUS AND CORRECT ON THE SUBJECT.

NICK THIMMESCH SAYS NOW THAT CHARLES COLSON HAS VOWED TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE PRESIDENT, YOU, GENERAL HAIG, AND OTHERS HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE FEARFUL, BECAUSE COLSON KNOWS ALL ABOUT "PLUMBERS" AND OTHER WHITE HOUSE ACTIVITIES.